



UMCTO VISION WORKSHOP
JANUARY 12, 2019

Workshop Agenda

12:00 – 12:05	Opening Prayer
12:05 – 12:15	Vision Team Overview and Process
12:15 – 12:35	Table discussion – Round 1
12:35 – 12:50	Grab lunch and move to next table
12:50 – 1:10	Table discussion – Round 2
1:15 – 1:35	Table discussion – Round 3
1:40 – 2:00	Table discussion – Round 4
2:05 – 2:25	Table discussion – Round 5
2:25 – 2:40	Break
2:40 – 3:30	Table Readouts (10 min. each)
3:30 – 3:45	Resourcing Discussion
3:45 – 4:00	Prioritization Discussion
4:00	Closing Prayer

OPENING PRAYER

God, we thank you for the United Methodist Church of Thousand Oaks.

We believe that you have a plan for us, to give us a future with hope.

Help us be courageous and faithful in following where you lead us.

We pray for your Spirit to inspire us, to unite us and break through our doubts and fears.

Embolden us to always be a church in action.

Help us move forward in faith to bring light, life and love throughout the earth.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Vision Team Progress

Vision team — Phyllis Borner, Larry Ciuffitelli, Candis Hong, Donna Mullenix, Joe Park, Jon Ruwhiu, Tim Snyder, Donna Ventura, Wanda Williams

- Weekly meetings using UMC vision tool
- Church survey – completed July 2018
- Small group discussions – completed Aug 2018
- Church values – final draft Nov 2018
- Strengths, Challenges & Opportunities – reviewed with staff and leadership Nov - Dec
- Growth Strategy Recommendations – finalized Dec 2018
- 1/12/19 Vision workshop – finalizing and approving growth strategies

Values



Worship Joyfully

With joyful hearts we praise God together, as individuals and families, in a variety of ways.

Serve Those In Need

We actively experience our faith by serving with those in need in our community and throughout the world.

Learn and Grow as Christians

We seek a deeper understanding of how scripture remains relevant to our modern lives as well as learning Methodist traditions and beliefs. Children, youth and adults grow as they experience God's love through study, discussion and in their lives. We use reason to foster our spiritual growth in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Welcome All People

We are a diverse church family inviting and welcoming all people whoever and wherever they are on their faith journey. We believe that each person is created in the image of God and has a place at Christ's table.

Connect Together

We build new relationships and strengthen our church family by gathering for food and activities in a loving and welcoming atmosphere.

MINISTRIES CONNECTED TO VALUES

Value	Ministry
Serve Those In Need	Community meal/overnight, Harvest/Food share, Study Buddy, Lighthouse, Stephen Ministry, SSP & Mission Area projects. Hosting Westminster Clinic, AA meetings, Boy Scouts.
Welcome All People	Sunday greeters & ushers, Membership Care, Inviting new people
Worship Joyfully	Sunday Modern & Traditional worship, monthly Saturday Messy Church
Learn and Grow As Christians	Children, Youth & Adult Studies – Sunday school, small groups, classes
Connect Together	Fellowship – church-wide, adult, youth, children, community events

Why focus on church growth?

- Declining UMCTO & Methodist Sunday attendance, weariness of church leaders and lack of focus on growth
- Lessons from Methodist leaders:

<u>Category</u>	<u>% of People</u>
Regular attenders	10%
Christmas/Easter	10%
Unchurched but open	40%
Unchurched and not open to traditional church	40%

<u>Activity with a Religious Congregation</u>	<u>% of Conejo Valley</u>
Not involved (July 2017)	72%
Involved (July 2017)	28%
Involved (July 2007)	38%

Future church growth will come with both the 28% already connected to church and the 72% not connected.

Table Topics & Facilitators

#	Topic	Facilitators
1	Sunday Worship	Phyllis Borner
2	Adult Studies	Tim Snyder
3	Welcoming All People	Larry Ciuffitelli & Jon Ruwhiu
4	Inviting New People	Donna Ventura
5	Connecting Together	Wanda Williams & Donna Mullennix

Note: Serve Those In Need ministries not part of table review - serving growth needs limited to developing leadership rotation and filling overall coordinator position. Youth Ministry not part of table review – youth ministry opportunities for improvement to be reviewed with staff and SPRC.